

# King County DNRP Water Quality Index

STATION **G320** WATER YEAR **2014**

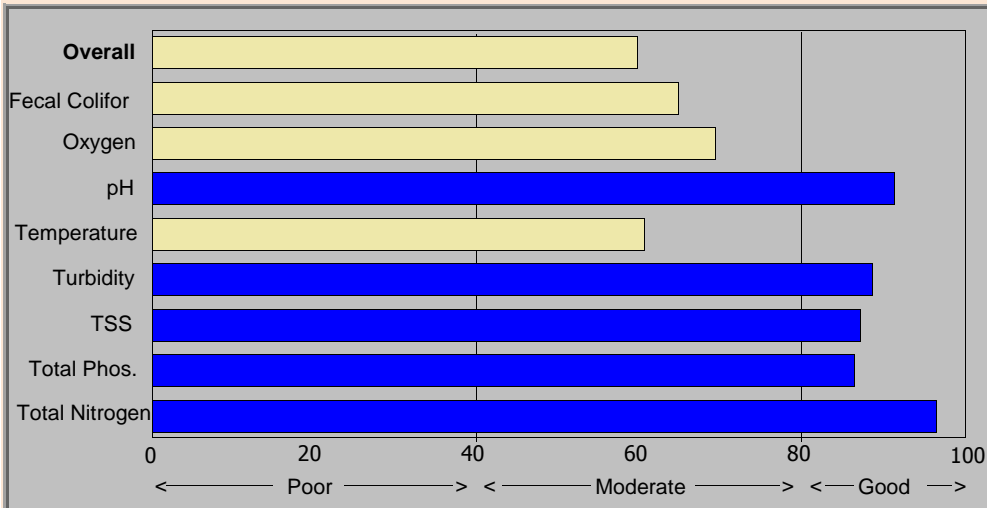
**GAUGE # 54i Little Soos Creek at SE 272nd**

**Overall Index 60**

King County monitors water quality on Soos Creek at four locations. Station G320 is located near the mouth of Little Soos Creek on Covington Way SE, west of the junction with Hwy 516. Monitoring at this site began in 1972 and continued until 2008 when budget cutbacks reduced the breadth of King County's water quality monitoring program. Regular water quality monitoring resumed in February 2013. The Soos Creek basin encompasses 44,800 acres east of the City of Kent and drains into the Green River. The creek system contains 60 miles of stream, including 4 main tributaries – Covington Creek, Jenkins Creek, Little Soos Creek, and Soosette. The Soos Creek basin is an extensive system of interacting lakes, wetlands and permeable soils that collectively attenuate peak stream flows. However, increasing urban development, particularly in the western half of the basin, has led to increasing water temperature and more dramatic seasonal flow fluctuations. All five species of Pacific Salmon as well as steelhead and coastal cutthroat trout have been observed in the Soos Creek basin.

## Annual Water Quality Index Scores

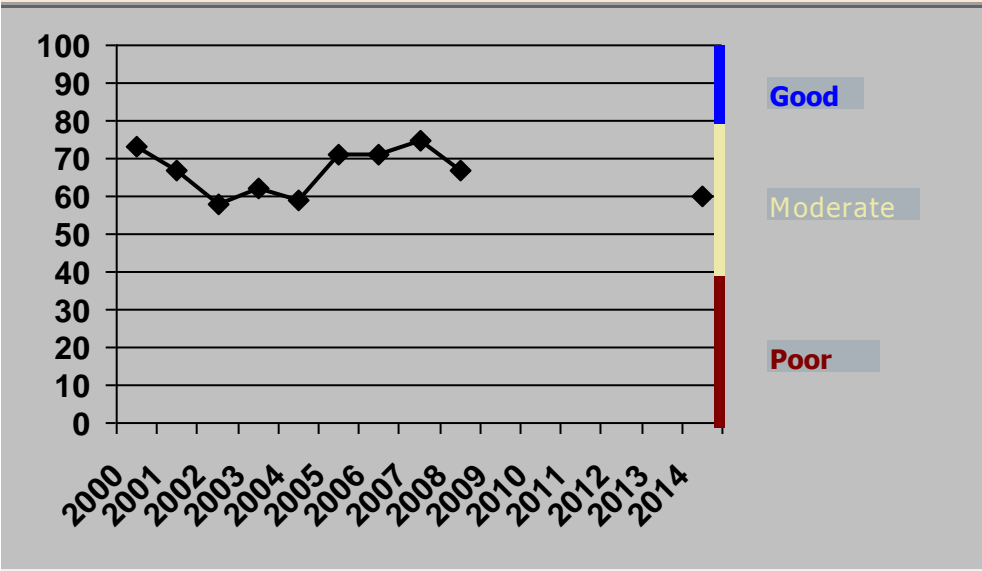
Water quality was MODERATE based on data collected 10/1/2013 to 9/30/2014.



## Monthly Scores For Water Year 2014

Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
93	96	99	95	94	91	92	90	74	62	52	64

## WQI Score Comparison By Water Year



## About The Water Quality Index:

The Water Quality Index (WQI) score is a unit-less number ranging from 10 to 100: the higher the number, the higher the water quality. Scores are calculated from data collected during the monthly routine sampling. For temperature, pH, fecal coliform bacteria, turbidity, and dissolved oxygen, the index expresses results relative to levels required to maintain beneficial uses according to criteria in Washington's Water Quality Standards, WAC 173-201A. For nutrient and sediment measures where there are no standard, results are expressed relative to guidelines for this eco-region. Results from the eight parameters are aggregated over time to produce a single score for each sample station. In general, stations scoring 80 and above did not fail water quality standards or guidelines and are of "low concern", scores 40 to 80 indicate "moderate concern", and water quality at stations with scores below 40 are of "high concern". For more information about the WQI please visit <http://green.kingcounty.gov/WLR/Waterres/StreamsData/WQI.aspx>

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